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Capitol Comments

By Dan Daniels

WASHINGTON - This week, the Electoral College met and confirmed the election of the thirty-ninth President of the United States.

Few things are certain in these uncertain times, but of this you can be sure: in Mid-November of every Election Year, there will be page after page written, urging that the Electoral College be abolished. The Electoral College is also a matter of interest to students who are enrolled in government classes, and as a consequence we receive many letters on the subject. Some of the writers have formed their opinions;many more, though, simply seek more information and an understanding of why we continue to employ a method which is cumbersome, and perhaps archaic, in naming those who will occupy the highest elective offices in our land.

Because the matter is often more talked about than understood, and also because it is likely to be the subject of legislation in the 95th Congress we have put together background information and recommendations which may prove helpful.

The present system did not have total support at the time of the constitutional Convention in 1787. It was a consensus decision, calculated to offend the least number of delegates, and while none appeared to be wildly enthusiastic, it satisfied those who felt the election should reflect the will of the majority and those who were equally committed to the idea that ours was a confederation of states. In the first four elections the electors voted for two individuals. The winner of the greatest number of votes was declared president, with the runner-up becoming vice president.

By 1796, three changes had taken place. First, the elector's role became that of agent for the voters. That is, electoral votes were cast to reflect popular preference, rather than on the independent determination of the electors. Also, electors in most states tended to give all the state's electoral votes to the candidate whose ticket won the statewide plurality, and thus the winner-take-all element was introduced And finally, candidates for the two offices formed tickets, with the understanding that one of the two votes cast by successful electors was for a President and the other for a Vice President.

None of these amendments requires a Constitutional change, although the latter practice led to adoption of the Twelfth Amendment, in reaction to the situation following the election of 1800, when Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr received identical electoral votes, and the election was decided in the House of Representatives.

Those who seek change in the process regularly call up the ghost of the "accidental president". By employing the electoral college, a President can be inaugurated who received less than a majority of the popular vote. Can it happen? Yes - it has twice. In 1876, Rutherford B. Hayes received one more electoral vote than Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden led by some 250,000 popular votes. And in 1888, Benjamin Harrison with about 95,000 fewer popular votes, was chosen by the electors over Grover Cleveland. What generally happens, though, is that the electoral vote enlarges, rather than diminishes, the popular vote. In 1960, the winner's popular vote margin was two-tenths of one percent; he received 56.4 percent of the electoral vote.

There have been three alternatives to our present system put forth. Each has advantages, each has disadvantages.

The most frequently mentioned is direct popular election, with the candidates electd receiving the most popular votes, providing this is at least 40 percent of the cotes cast. Supporters say this is the only way to insure popular choice, & that voter participation would be enhanced in states dominated by one party since all votes would carry equal weight. Oponents feel this would cause candidates to concentrate on densely populated areas, since a handful of cities could dictate the outcome

A second proposal is the proportional method, where each candidate would receive electoral votes in a percentage to reflect the popular vote within a state. Supporters say this would provide the same incentive to participate as direct election, but would preserve the relative electoral strength of the states. Opponents say the popular vote winner could still lose the election, and that by clever strategy minor parties could deny an electoral majority or a constitutional plurality (that 40 percent of the votes cast mentioned earlier).

The third proposal is the district method, whereby one elector would be chosen from each of the 435 Congressional Districts, with two at-large electors for each state. Supporters feel this would most closely reflect the political will of the people, since electors would be chosen by the same constituencies who choose Members of Congress and that minor parties would be encouraged to compete. Opponents feel this could thwart the popular will, just as the present system could, and that the same opportunity for denial of a constitutional plurality exists.

So there you have it - the potential problem, the proposed solutions. It will be interesting to watch developments in the months ahead.

County Line

I'd like to wish the staff of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN and all friends of the County Line Community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Jack Jones of Richmond is very ill in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

There will be a Christmas program at Central Baptist Church on Wednesday night, Dec. 22nd at 7:30 p.m. A cordial invitation is given to everyone.

Mr. Curtis Mayberry returned home from the hospital Sunday. Hope he'll continue to improve.

Mrs. Harry T. Nash is improving slowly at home. Mrs. Eva Jones visited her Sunday morning.

Mrs. Alta Hopkins spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Jones.

We regret to hear of the illness of Mr. Joe Marshall of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lively made a business trip last week to South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. David Carson and Susan were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann & boys, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann & children, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Moore, Mr. Ryland Mann and Miss Wanda Harden attended the oyster supper at Red House Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann & family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Nash and family and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Nash and baby visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn over the weekend.

Mrs. Rachel Mullins visited Mrs. Elliott Nash Monday afternoon.

VDAC Advises Farmers On Buying Hay

On October 15, 1976, President Ford designated 22 counties in Virginia drought disaster areas. This drought designation allows eligible farmers to receive an 80 percent Federal reimbursement up to a maximum of $50 per ton of the cost of freight for transportation of hay and silage to their farms.

Since that declaration, many of Virginia's drought-striken farmers have applied for this assistance. However, information received by the Va. Dept. of Agriculture & Commerce (VDAC) indicates that some suggestions may be helpful for Virginia's farmers when purchasing their hay requirements. These suggestions are as follows:

1. Hay should be bought by the pound, hundred pounds or tons. Never buy hay by the bale because individual bales may vary in size from 35 pounds to 135 pounds per bale.

2. Always specify the kind and grade of hay you want, such as US No. 2 Alfalfa, US No. 2 Timothy, US No. 2 Grass, etc. All hay received should be of good odor (not a musty odor) and not contain any mold.

3. In order to insure that the price you are paying for your hay is correct, when you are buying on a per pound basis, it is good practice to have the truck load of hay weighed prior to unloading and then again after it is unloaded. The difference between those two weights would be the amount of hay you are purchasing. This also applies to rail shipments of hay. However, in the case of shipments of hay by rail, that must be weighed after unloading.

4. Another hint for those purchasing hay from outside Virginia: If the supplier is unknown, VDAC recommends that farmers purchase their needs through an established hay dealer.

5. Prior to committing yourself to a hay purchase, you should visit your local Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service office, and file an application. The ASCS office in your locality will have some guidlines as to reasonable truck rates for hay. This would insure that you will not be held responsible for excessive truck transportation charges.

6. Finally, hay grading can be performed by the State, but due to the limited number of inspectors available, this service can be provided by appointment only. There will be an inspection fee and other additional charges assessed for each inspection.

Anyone who needs further information concerning the hay purchase program should contact C. Warren Green, Jr., VDAC Transportation Marketing Agent, telephone (804) 786-8737 or (804) 786-3943.

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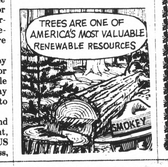

Manpower Planning Council Endorses Applications For Funding

The Central Virginia Manpower Planning Council recently endorsed for consideration two applications for funding, one from the Campbell County Sheriff's Dept., the other from the Lynchburg office of the Virginia Employment Commission.

The two applied for funding under the 4%-or Governor's Special Grant Funding. The Campbell County Sheriff's Department is requesting $55,167.42 to train six deputies over a period of one year. The Lynchburg office of the Virginia Employment Commission is requesting $57,697.00 to train 20 clerical workers over a period of nine months. These funding proposals will be reviewed by the Governor's Manpower Services Council and decisions on program funding will be made by Feb., 1977. The monies for the programs will not be available until March, 1977.

In other action at the Central Virginia Manpower Planning Council meeting, John H. Riddel of the Lynchburg Virginia Employment Commission reported on the Status of the Work Experience Programs. The In-School Work Experience Program had a total of 169 students actively enrolled at 84 job sites. The Out-of-School Work Experience Program had 29 enrolled at 15 work sites. The programs provide training for young people, ages 16-22.

Charles Walker of the National Alliance of Businessmen reported that 104 persons were currently enrolled in the On-the-Job Training Program. There are four active contracts involving $174,202.00. From January 1 to September 30, 1977 there will be $135,621.00 available for the funding of contracts.

Mr. Reon Lambert reported that there are 31 active participants in the Individual Referral Program. There is currently a balance of $46,969.50 remaining out of $106,894.22 allocated to the program.

Mr. Junious Haskins reported on a Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Title III grant that had been awarded to the Lynchburg Community Action Group, Inc. This grant of $78,755.00 is being used to aid the Native Americans living in Amherst County. There are ten persons enrolled in the Adult Work Experience Program, six persons in the Adult Basic Educaton Program and eight persons in the graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED) Program. The Adult Basic Education Program and the GED Program are in conjunction with the Amherst County Public School System.

Election of officers for 1977 were held, Junius Haskins, Jr., being re-elected chairman, and Mrs. Bonnie Andrus being elected vice-chairman. They will assume offfice on January 1, 1977.

The next meeting of the Central Virginia Manpower Planning Council will be held on Jan. 4, 1977 at the office of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, 2511 Memorial Ave., in Lynchburg.

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